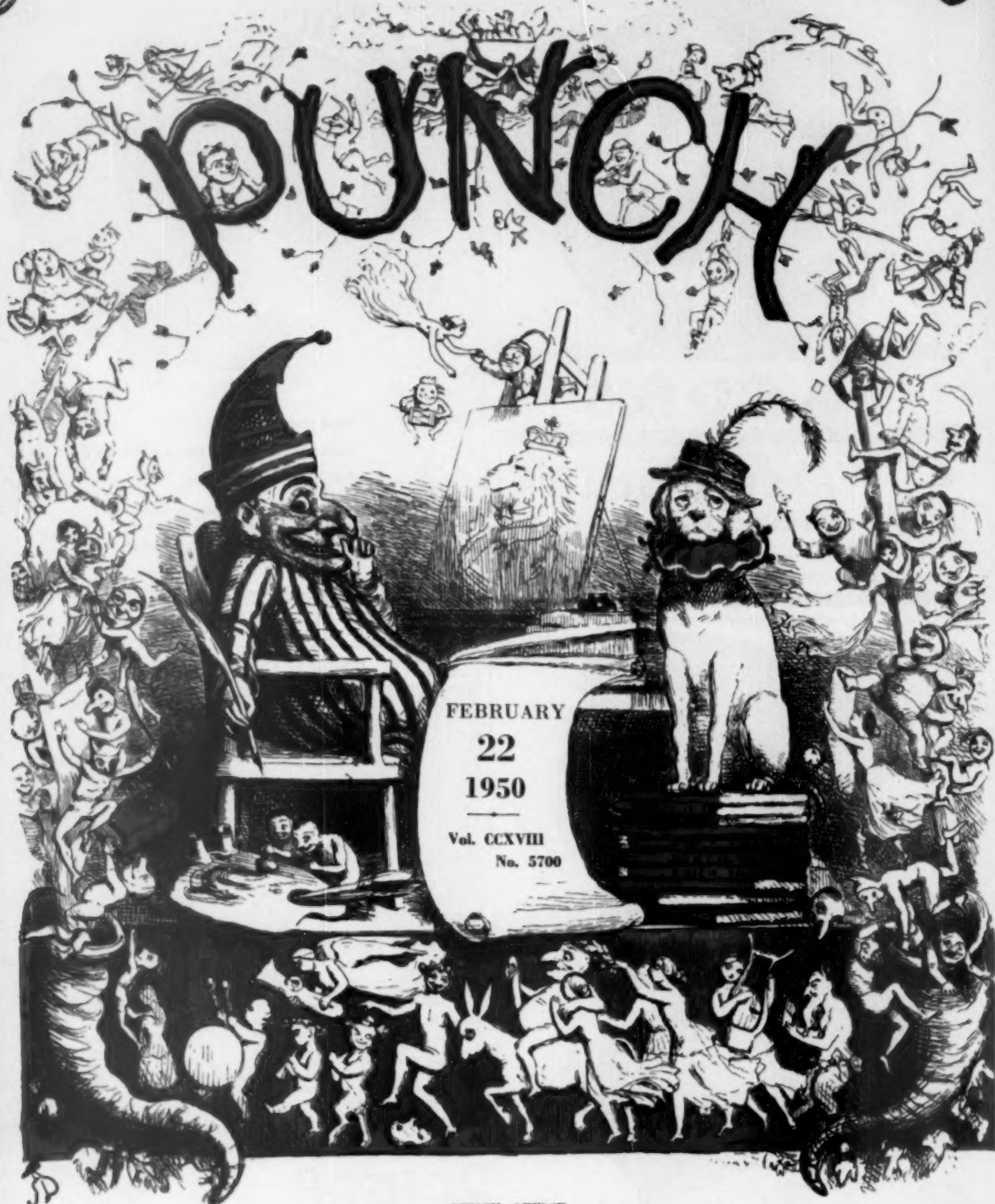


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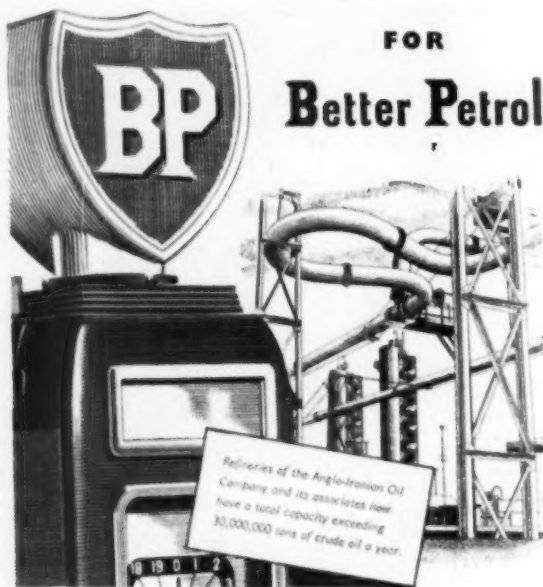
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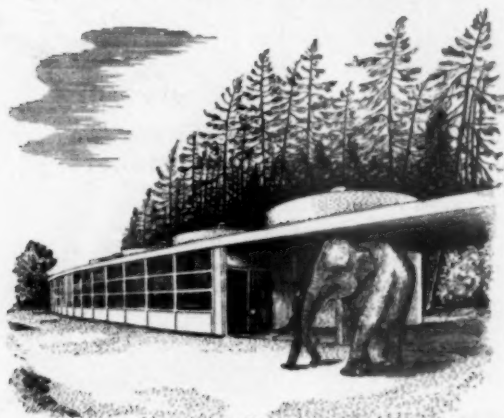
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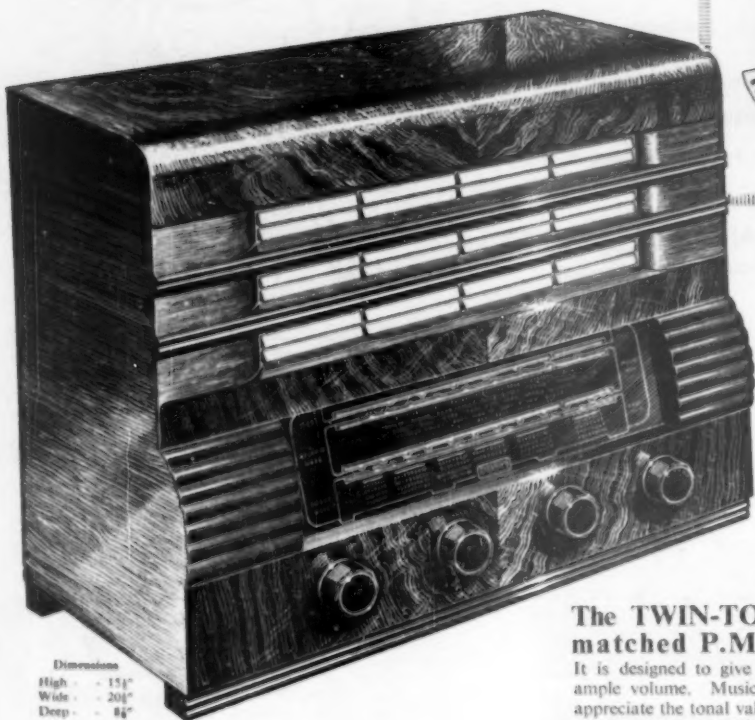


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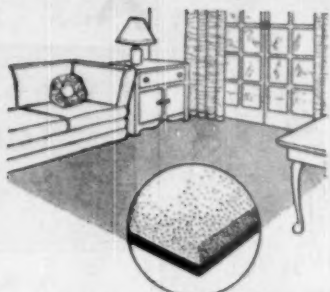
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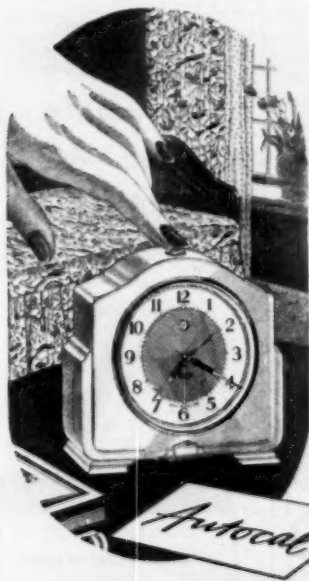
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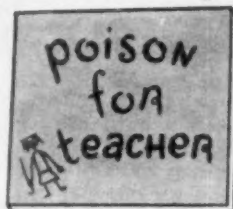
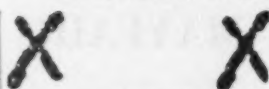


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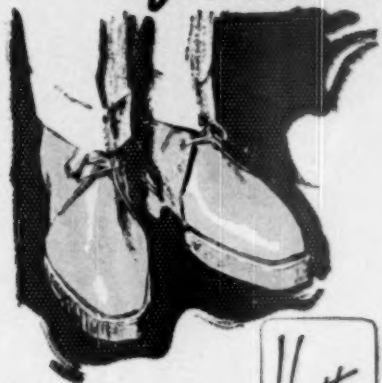
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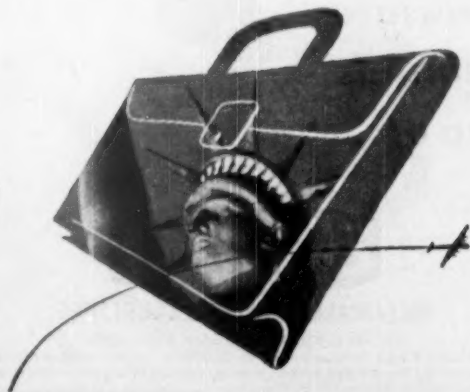


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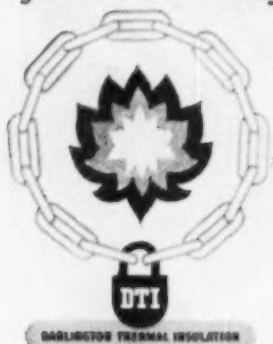
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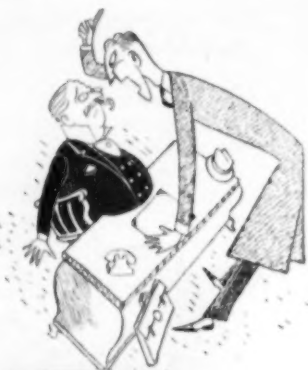
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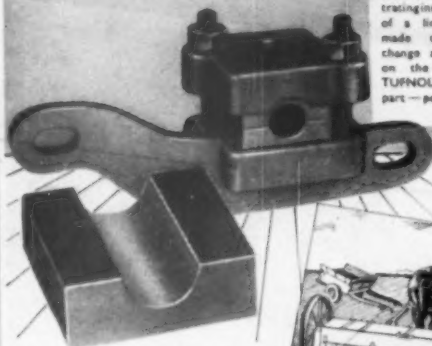
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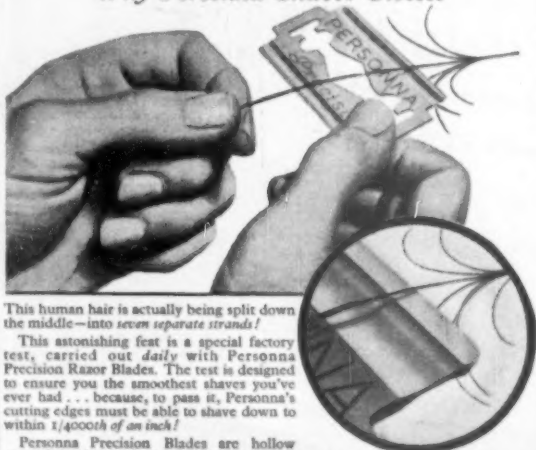
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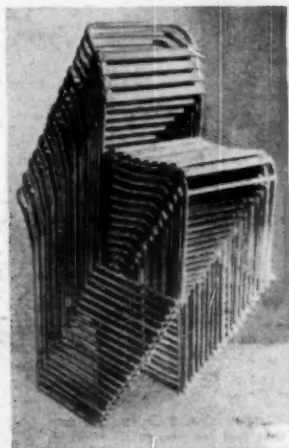
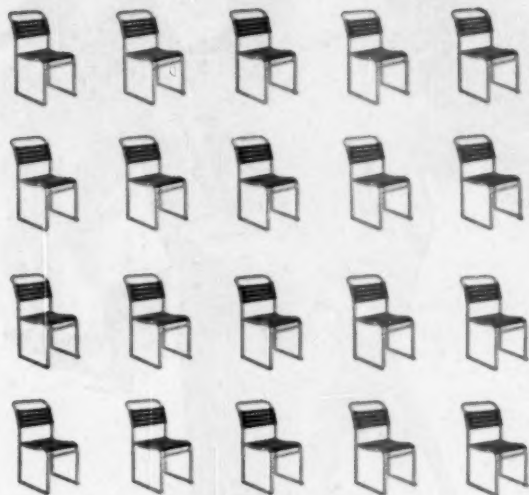
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SIXTEEN tons of coal caught fire in a truck at Dagenham. No doubt the National Coal Board will see to it that this story gets about as widely as possible.



Because of restrictions on the use of motor cars many voters propose to get to the polling booths on horseback. This distributes the risk of being unseated fairly between candidates and electors.

Safety First

"Pierce with a pin to release vacuum. Then push off."
Instructions on the lid of a jam-jar

Experts declare themselves to be completely satisfied with progress on the foundations for the Festival of Britain. In some quarters, however, it is believed that taxpayers are getting a trifle worried about the ceiling.

Plans are under consideration for the construction of an underground railway in Melbourne. The main difficulty in those parts is to protect the workmen's heads from falling debris when they are sinking the lift shafts.

Electoral Candour

"Mr. W. B. Kilby, Chairman of the Crowe Divisional Labour Party, in a statement to *The Chronicle*, said, 'Labour enters in the forthcoming election campaign with unfounded hope and confidence...'"

Provincial paper



The Nyasaland authorities have decided to thin the crocodiles in Lake Nyasa. They might start by putting "Beware of the Crocodiles" notices round the edges.

"SERIES OF SHOP RAIDS: MAN FOR TRIAL

LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR
SOUTH ILFORD?"
"Ilford Recorder"

Two guesses at the politics of this paper.

Soviet astronomers claim that the earth has a "tail" of gas stretching sixty to eighty thousand miles into space. British astronomers think it may tend to dissipate after February 23.

The falling-off in the consumption of beer of which the trade now complains was emphasized in a magistrate's court recently when a meticulous reveller admitted having had one over the six.

Five thousand two hundred and eighty people sat down to "the world's biggest banquet" in Washington last week, at a cost of £35 a head. 135 chefs prepared the meal, which was served by 550 waiters equipped with 5,600 dinner plates and knives, 11,000 forks and spoons, 1,100 ice buckets and 16,000 salad plates. The Russians are believed to be working on something even bigger.



A LAST WORD TO THE FLOATERS

OSCUUM of the Electorate
Whose vacillating heart is
Unclaimed by the protectorate
Of either of the Parties,
Politely let me woo you,
However plain your features,
And say some home truths to you,
You nasty looking creatures.

Unless you vote sincerely
Unprompted by the devil
The sides may come out nearly,
Aye more, precisely level.
And where would England be then
If indolence so trumpety
Exposed her to the heathen—
A byword for Mugwumpety!

Why, damned to all perdition,
A land without a master,
Foredoomed to Coalition
And weltering in disaster;

This home of Kings and fighters
And Constitution-shapers
Depends on you, you blighters,
And how you mark your papers.

Come up then and deliver
This crisis-fronted nation
By waddling from the river
Up to the polling station;
Momentous now and dark as is
The hour, there's worse to follow
Unless you heave your carcasses
Out of your miry wallow.

Forsake your imperticience,
Desert your river reaches,
You comatose Amphibians
For whom I make my speeches!
Consider in the process
How weary and how hot am I,
Come out and give your crosses
To me, you Hippopotami!

EVOE

THE WOMAN AND THE RAILWAY

THE woman seethed with indignation. "Marched me across to the ticket office, practically as if I was under arrest!"

The man asked "Who did?"

"The ticket collector. Who else would it be? As if it hadn't been enough already to make me nearly miss the train!"

The man seemed to be puzzled. "The ticket collector?"

The woman rejected the suggestion with scorn. "The ticket-collector! The railway, of course! The ten-twenty-five I was supposed to be on to London. Fancy having it standing in the same platform with the ten-eight in the first place!"

The man endeavoured to be reasonable. "They're on opposite sides of the platform, though. There isn't any confusion."

The woman brushed the intervention aside. "They let me go through the barrier, and didn't say a word to me that I oughtn't to get on it."

The man was struggling to keep up with her. "The ten-eight?"

"No, the ten-twenty-five. I found myself travelling in the

direction of PORTSMOUTH! It went out a quarter of an hour early, too, almost immediately after the ten-eight."

"Sounds like a kidnap," the man suggested, adventurously.

"Kidnap! Don't be ridiculous," she told him. "I looked out through the windows, and suddenly found they were streaming with water."

The man abandoned adventure, and renewed his attempt at moderation. "You can't blame the railway if it suddenly pours with rain."

The woman exploded. "Rain! It was sunny! We were going through the cleaning sheds!"

The man looked unbelieving. "I felt like a fish in an aquarium!"

"What were the other people doing?" the man asked.

"Other people!" the woman repeated, beside herself. "The train was absolutely empty! Then a guard sort of person came and asked me what I was doing on it."

"Doing?" I said to him. "I thought I was going to London. This is the ten-twenty-five, isn't it?"

"Not this part of it isn't," he said.

"I told him it was on the right platform, number four."

"He said 'I suppose you went up the front of the platform?'"

"I told him I did."

"He said 'That's where you made your mistake, you see. Only the back portion of the train was travelling. The front portion was uncoupled and taken into the sheds for cleaning. They'd have told you at the barrier, only I suppose they thought you were travelling on the ten-eight.'"

The man looked as if a matter which had been troubling him was on the point of being made clear. "But why *didn't* you travel on the ten-eight?" he asked.

The woman disdained to enter into explanations. "Because I thought I'd travel on the ten-twenty-five. But I'm *telling* you!" she continued. "The primitive things that happened after that you'd never believe! I was *lifted* down *bodily* on to the permanent way, and we *walked* back to the station along the rails! We passed a signal box on the journey, and the man in it looked down out of his window, and the guard person *shouted* to him to tell them to hold the ten-twenty-five."

"Was it still there when you got there?" the man inquired, interested.

"There?" asked the woman. "Well, I should jolly well think it *was* there."

"Was it late?"

"Well, of course it was late. You didn't expect me to hurry, in high heels, on all that clinker, and tripping over sleepers and things?"

"But weren't the people in the train annoyed?"

"They seemed to be getting a bit impatient. Are you trying to put me in the wrong?" she demanded.

"No, of course not. But when did the ticket collector march you across to the ticket office, you said?"

The woman seethed again at the reminder of her wrongs. "That was at the other end. It was ridiculous," she said. "My *season* ticket happened to be out of date."



THE VOTER IN WONDERLAND

VI. THE ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY or "Beware the Jabberwock, my son!"



"I still think it would be unsporting to print more tickets than the stadium holds."

THAT MYSTERIOUS BUSINESS

"YOU see it at election times, of course," said Cogbottle.

"You see *everything* at election times," Upfoot replied. "I saw a man this morning with a pea-shooter, firing at the bills in people's windows. Gave me quite a turn; I hadn't seen a pea-shooter for twenty-five years."

"The last pea-shooter I saw," said Cogbottle, "was truncated by the chemistry master at school. He used to cut a bit off it and put a piece of sodium inside, and then drop it into water. I forget what that demonstrated; something."

"Wonderful thing, education."

"But those very bills in people's windows that you mentioned," Cogbottle said at length, briskly, "exemplify what I was talking about. I mean that mysterious business, it's a sort of mild exhibitionism,

the mysterious business of wanting other people to *know* that you like or don't like something."

"This is the sort of person I am," said Upfoot.

"Exactly, that's what it comes down to."

"Then I don't see that it's mysterious at all. Perfectly natural egotism."

"Ah, but the mysterious point," Cogbottle said, "is the *unreasoningness* of it. These are tastes or prejudices that have no sense in them whatever."

"Is this the moment for you to strike at the very roots of the democratic system?"

"Oh, forget the bills in people's windows—they're merely the same *sort* of thing. I admit people will give you reasons for those. But they can't give you a reason for disliking—well, for disliking the look of a soft collar with long points, say; and yet they'll—"

"I see," said Upfoot. "And yet they'll be really

passionately anxious not to be thought the sort of people who like the look of a soft collar with long points. Yes, it is mysterious . . . Personally I can't stand—"

"One of the most popular things——"

"I can't stand——"

"It's always very popular——"

"What makes me feel——"

"You're just providing an example of what I'm saying," Cogbottle broke in firmly. "You want to thrust one of *your* baseless antipathies into the discussion. I was going to say among the most popular things you can write and publish is a simple list of unreasonable likes or dislikes. It's popular not because people like to read about yours but because it makes them think of their own. They write to you immediately, telling you all about their own, as if it was clever."

"Well, there you are," said Upfoot. "Egotism."

"You mean it gives them satisfaction to imply, say, 'Look at me, I'm the sort of extraordinary character that can't stand the sight of a book with a blue cover, though I rather like the look of a magazine with a blue cover'?"

"Sort of," said Upfoot after reflection.

Cogbottle said "But that ignores my point—the emotion, the feeling. Seems to me the whole point is that these people would be honestly uneasy and upset to feel that they were thought to like something they really hate or to hate something they're really fond of. That's all very well with important things, or even

with politics, but when it comes to absolutely senseless things like——"

"Careful," Upfoot interrupted. "You may be within an ace of speaking of the prejudice I nurse."

"Ah, but that might not matter. My experience of these things is that they aren't hotly defended. A man who loathes marmalade or belted overcoats is perfectly willing to admit that there are estimable people who like them; he won't try to convince anybody else. What he can't bear is the thought that some ignorant bystander might mistake *him* for a man who likes marmalade or belted overcoats. The idea makes him shudder. Now why on earth should it?"

"A psychiatrist could tell you," said Upfoot. "A psychiatrist would easily discover that, many years ago, this man——"

"All right, all right."

"Well, he would," said Upfoot, looking offended.

"If it's unreasoning it's always something like that."

"So psychiatry would explain the whole thing?"

"Certainly."

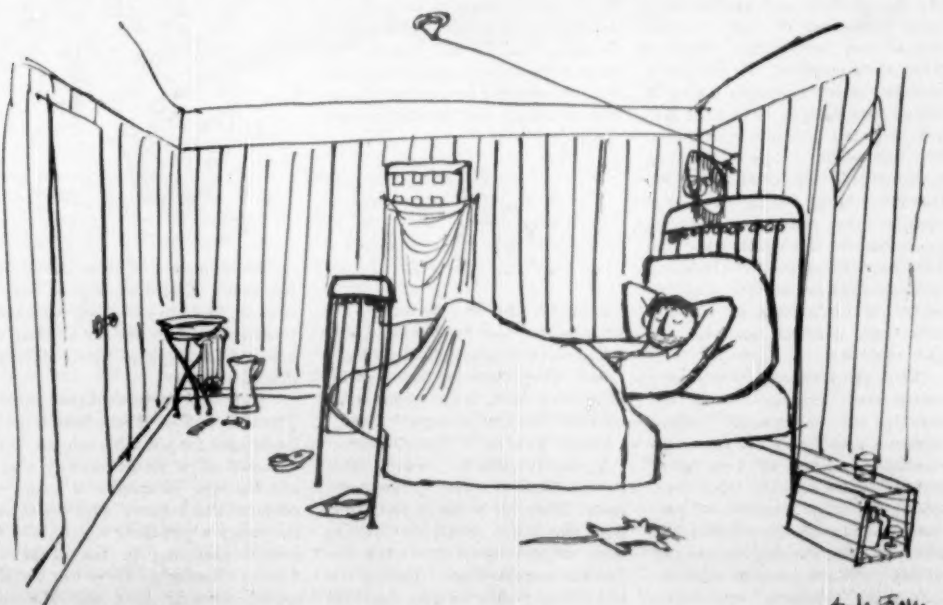
"If there's one thing that annoys me," said Cogbottle, "it's having a point of intellectual curiosity smoothly explained away by——"

"Oh, there are a lot of things that annoy me," said Upfoot. "Listen."

RICHARD MALLETT

"Tradition in this country is rapidly dying, and to encourage the children to do so is sheer lunacy."
"Modern Education"

Hear, hear!



SHOW FOR SHOWMEN

The Amusement Trades Exhibition

WE had always associated the Royal Horticultural Society with flowers, but the great height of their New Hall suggests trees rather than flowers, at least any flowers we can imagine ourselves growing. Thus we started a visit to the three-day Amusement Trades Exhibition perplexed by the setting, and we were increasingly moldered as the morning went by. Under the cathedral-high concrete vaults the hygienic stands, garish music, glitter of chromium and omnipresence of dolls made a sinister display, a perfect setting for a Graham Greene opening. What dry-mouthed fears pattered behind the stalls, what bleary fugitives had just dived for evanescent safety behind that wafting curtain, what was making the eyes of that kangaroo-sized rabbit glitter so furtively? We glanced suspiciously at Mr. Punch's Artist and thought we heard a faint halo of zither music round his head.

Many of the stalls were devoted to prizes—"Swag" in the patois of the Fairground—and among these were a number of dolls, animal, human and borderline. Most of them were noseless. It was not a complete noselessness but a kind of hinted noselessness. The nose was indicated but not proceeded with. The footballers in one of the coin machines were also ultra-snub. Mr. Punch's Artist suggested that aquiline noses protrude and might get caught in the works while the dolls were being made. This improbable explanation deepened our doubts. He obviously knew why the dolls were noseless but was not allowed to say.

The other prizes were more normal and, compared with the shoddy, sub-commercial, white elephants that used to be forced on reluctant winners, of very good quality, especially the glassware. Indeed, the high standard of production among all the exhibits was one of the more cheering surprises of the day. Britain can sure make it. Some of the "Dodgem" and scenic railway cars could be exported as

chassis for the luxury motor trade. The mechanical organs, coin machines, and candy-floss mixers were lovely jobs, up-to-the-second means to very traditional ends.

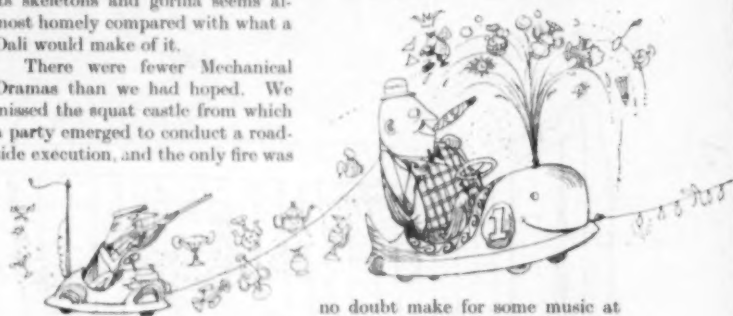
The Show Business has lost something of course since it departed from its cosy, old-fashioned, colourful settings. The heraldic animals have gone from the roundabouts, and swing-boats no longer have figureheads like State Barges. Only in the background of a few of the gift machines does tradition linger on: these still have the look of a pantomime transformation scene. However, the things that people actually do at fairs are much the same as they always were. Modernization does not extend beyond mechanization and streamlining. Probably, with all this education about, showmen, like publishers of popular magazines, will have to do something about Culture soon. The Ghost Train with its skeletons and gorilla seems almost homely compared with what a Dali would make of it.

There were fewer Mechanical Dramas than we had hoped. We missed the squat castle from which a party emerged to conduct a roadside execution, and the only fire was

progress will probably be even more glacial in the future.

Everywhere there seemed to be puppets that jigged and nodded, on the tops of cases, presiding over ice-cream mixers, catching one's eye menacingly round corners. A clown played a piano and a fortune-teller not only stared like a basilisk that had caught a basilisk's eye but flapped his ears in a slow and meaningful way. One machine uninvitingly invited you to have your mind read by television. We fled to a machine called "The Love Meter," which graded women in such broad categories as "Cuddlesome" and "Dominating."

One group of ingenious machines did Magic. The customer got a private show of a conjuring trick and a notice on the front of the case asked him searching questions about how it was done. A cardboard skeleton with delirium tremens, and a number of toys which worked when windswept by an electric fan increased the variety of this stall. Any visitor who felt mentally and emotionally over-stimulated would



one which provided an excuse for firemen to race up ladders, the winner's driver getting his money back. Peepshows are more varied than they used to be. One stand offered "The Evil Michael Strogoff," "Venus Awakes," "The Outlaws," "A Pretty Catch," and "Here Comes Charlie." The spicier peepshow, however, is much the same, with the ladies grimly devoted to their artistic duties in rather un-lived-in surroundings. During the last thirty years the area revealed has increased by about two inches;

no doubt make for some music at this point. There was a good selection of juke boxes—if for once the term is being accurately applied—one of them offering a choice of forty different tunes.

Here and there we found other Visual Delights. There were mural landscapes for pin-table saloons and a model of a scenic railway that ran through mountainous country coloured like a desert, with a pool in the valley where there stood a silver female glittering in the periodic flash of a spotlight. There was also a model showing how the Marine Caves at Rhyl had been converted



into a representation of King Neptune's cavern. Previously the caves had displayed a Martian scene, but this had not survived Allied Occupation during the war. (Addicts of Beauty Spot Rescue Work may be frustrated to learn that the caves are plasterwork and indoors.) King Neptune's harem was gracefully disposed on water lilies, or perhaps lotuses, and the general effect was like "Comus" produced by Prince Littler.

It was, as you can see, a variegated morning and one demanding considerable flexibility in the attention. Scarcely had one taken in the display of "Our Dumb Friends League" than one was gazing moderately agog at Cash Registers or at a Radio, which,

among much else, kept an ear open for crying babies and burglars. The Show business is much wider than you expect, and its annual exhibitions, of which this was the sixth, have to cover a lot of ground.

The various sections in the Trade have their own Associations for protection, one of them presided over by Mr. Butlin himself, and various jealousies kept them apart for some time. However, after a meeting in the fraternal atmosphere of the House of Commons smoking-room, they agreed to work together and start these invaluable meetings, strictly confined to the Trade, at which the latest fashions are displayed before shrewd but convivial buyers. At the moment the Trade is co-operating in the great opportunity

provided by the Festival of Britain, for which, no doubt, back-tent boys are working overtime.

We found the return to ordinary life bemusing. In the Underground, if you got nothing out of the ticket machines you rang a bell and complained. At Victoria the train indicator was a kind of Late-Venetian blind, worked by clattering machinery with a lamp-lighter's pole used for afterthoughts—not an illuminated screen flashing with electronics. What seats there were were stationary and never soared and dipped. Our train left *sans* skeleton, *sans* spider and *sans* gorilla. The chill hand unclutched our spine and we suddenly realized that Mr. Punch's Artist was no longer there.

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AT THE PICTURES

Twelve O'Clock High—It's a Great Feeling

TWELVE O'Clock High (Director: HENRY KING) is an outstanding example of the sort of war film that Hollywood has lately begun to turn out so well. The emotional predicament on which it is based—the conflict in a commanding officer's mind between his determination that his unit shall achieve its purpose and his concern for his men—is an old one, and has been treated in films as much as anywhere else. What gives it special force in this instance is, first, the apparent authenticity, and the casual skill in presentation, of the details of life on a U.S. airfield in England in 1942-3; and, second, the way the thunderous climax is approached and the brilliant editing of the shots that compose it. As in *Task Force*, these battle pictures were "photographed in actual combat," and the craft with which they have been fitted together to give an impression of air fighting is sensational. The result is aimed straight at your spine. It was possible to take a mainly visual interest in the battle scenes in *Task Force*, exciting as they were; those in *Twelve O'Clock High* are designed to make an almost physical impact on the beholder. The story leading up to them concerns a Bomber Group with a morale problem; a new C.O. is appointed and sets out to solve it the hard way, by peremptory harshness and discipline. The pilots promptly put in for transfers, but in an interval of delay his personality and his methods have time to make

such an effect that they withdraw their applications. GREGORY PECK as the commander is very good indeed, and all the other men in the cast (there is only one woman, who appears for only a few moments) play with an expertise that is a great satisfaction to watch. The usual question of patriotism has been brought up—most writers comment with satisfaction on a reference in the dialogue to the activities of "the British," others seem to think it inadequate—but I don't see that the point is at all important in this story, which is, after all, about one group of Americans. (Though even I could wish that a slight jerk in the picture just beforehand didn't make me wonder by the way whether that particular passage appears at all in the film as shown in the U.S.)

The songs and the music in *It's a Great Feeling* (Director: DAVID BUTLER) are not very distinguished—I have been trying ever since I saw it to eradicate the memory of a deathly rather than deathless couplet, sung not less than twice, which runs "It's reely quite reegretful That my heart is so forgetful"—but as a whole it is a cheerful and amusing piece of nonsense. Set in Hollywood, it enables Warner Brothers to fill every odd corner with a glimpse of one of their stars,

*(It's a Great Feeling)*

Falling Star

Judy Adams—DORIS DAY

every one of whom plays a little comedy scene; apart from this it is as full as a half-hour radio show of wisecracks, most of them on the radio-show personal-abuse formula. JACK CARSON, appearing as himself, is understood to be a character no one will willingly work with; when he is put into a film Hollywood has to be combed for somebody not appalled by the prospect of directing it, and the only way out is that he shall direct it himself. And so on. DENNIS MORGAN, too, appears as himself, DORIS DAY plays with considerable sparkle a studio waitress trying to become a star, and there are surprisingly many touches of genuine satire.

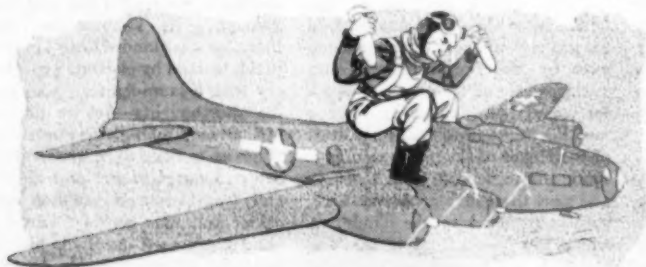
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Survey (Dates in brackets refer to *Punch* reviews)

Other rewarding London shows: *Bicycle Thieves* (11/1/50), *Golden Salamander* (15/2/50), and *Adam's Rib*, a bright trifle, with well-written dialogue and felicitous playing.

Among the releases—*The Blue Lamp* (1/2/50), and *Sand* (23/1/50), one of those horse stories in very attractive Technicolor. *Letter from an Unknown Woman* (Director: MAX OPULS) never had a Press show or a London run, but is worth looking out for—a gentle romantic tragedy of old Vienna with real style about it.

RICHARD MALLETT



Avenging Angel
Brigadier Savage—GREGORY PECK

(Twelve O'Clock High)

X EQUALS O

"WELL, we may as well get it over, dear. Put your hat and coat on."

"I don't think I shall bother."

"Dorothy! How can you! A simple duty to perform once in five years, and you don't think you'll bother!"

"All the same . . ."

"Elections have been won and lost by two votes, you know."

"Not this one."

"You never know, dear. Come on, it won't take ten minutes."

"Who're you voting for?"

"Don't be ridiculous, Dorothy: Digby, of course."

"I thought so."

"You don't mean to sit there and tell me you'd vote for that Motting!"

"I certainly do. Seems a decent enough type to me. His wife's nice too."

"But he's a——: you can't vote——!"

"I'm for Motting. Definitely."

"Well, it's too late to argue. We won't vote at all: that settles it."

"But you must vote, John, even if I don't."

"No, dear, if you really mean it about Motting I don't think I *ought* to vote. It would seem like taking a mean advantage. Besides, I'm pretty tired."

"But I *insist*, John. Look: you sit here and I'll go and vote for your precious Digby."

"You've just said that you'd vote for Motting."

"Yes, I would. But I'm not voting, so I'll vote in your place, for Digby, on my ballot paper."

"But why?"

"Because you're tired. Because you really *want* to vote, while I don't really care whether I vote or not."

"Let's both vote!"

"No, that would be silly: we'd just cancel out."

"You mean you're prepared to vote for Digby just to please me?"

"Because you're tired."

"Then let's *both* vote for Digby."

"No, I couldn't do that, you stay here and keep warm. I won't be long."

"Come back, Dorothy!"

"I'm going to vote for Digby: my mind's made up."

"I won't have you debasing yourself like this: if you vote for Digby I shall vote for Motting. I swear it."

"But you're tired, John. And I'd like to do it for you."

"Are you sure?"

"Sure!"

"Sure you'd vote as you say? Sure you haven't already voted?"

"Now we're going to quarrel!"

"I shouldn't like to think you'd double-cross me."

"I like that. What about you double-crossing me! How do I know you'd vote for Motting!"

"Because I said I would: that's why."

"Very well: I shall vote for Digby because I said so."

"Come on then. Get your hat and coat on."

BERNARD HOLLOWOOD

"Shepperton. On top of station. Det. bungalow; 3 beds, bath, large lounge, garage."—*Surrey Herald*
Trains pass the cellar.



DINNER WITH THE FORESTERS

WHEN Desmond Hatch, the young man spending the week-end in the village, was asked to dinner with some people called Forester he got ready with the confidence of a semi-intellectual Londoner about to bring a bit of colour into local life. He was going alone because his host and hostess had had to rush off somewhere suddenly, but they had promised him a nice quiet evening. He was worried that these Foresters might want him to play bridge, but he could always say he didn't know how. He put on his grey suit and the better of his two ties, and at the Foresters' front gate he removed his bicycle-clips and squeezed the creases back into his turn-ups.

The door opened, and against the hospitable blaze of light Desmond saw an extraordinary shape. It was the shape of a Polar explorer or bear. When he got near he realized that it must be Mr. Forester, wearing a vast shaggy windcheater of brushed brown wool and dungarees tucked into mosquito-boots.

"Come in, come in!" cried Mr. Forester. "This is awfully nice of you. What weather! DARLING! WE'VE GOT ENOUGH! Martha will chop wood," he explained to Desmond as the back door exploded and a young woman appeared. She wore a red velvet dinner-dress and magnificent ear-rings, and carried a bicycle-lamp, an axe and an armful of split logs.

Desmond thought he had better explain about his suit. "I'm awfully sorry I look like this, but I didn't bring—oh, I say, let me."

"Most certainly not," said Mrs. Forester, thrusting the logs and a bucketful of coal at her husband. "Here, you're dressed. You fix the fire and get Mr. Hatch a drink and I'll do something about my appearance. Why, Cecilia!" The front door had opened to let in a black retriever and another young woman, who when she had taken off a tartan rug was seen to be wearing a dirndl skirt, a man's shirt, a school-boy's cricket-belt, pearls and fur boots.

"John is in his bath," said Cecilia, unzipping her boots but leaving them on. "Look, Martha"—she held up a jar of what Desmond took to be pickled tadpoles—"but the boned chicken has disappeared. Shall I ring John to bring the bacon? It's Australian ham really."

"Oh, goodness no," said Mrs. Forester, unzipping her own fur boots, "because I thought we'd have that complicated rice thing you do so beautifully. I've got the rice on, so we've only got to cook all the rest of it. You don't mind, do you?"

"I shall be delighted," said Cecilia, looking behind the kitchen door. "There's my apron. Sam, you lout!" Desmond had heard a sort of dredging noise from the kitchen floor. Now the retriever slunk guiltily into the hall, licking mince off his nose, just as a little woolly dog shot from the sitting-room.

"They like each other really," Cecilia explained as Desmond picked up the umbrella-stand. "They'll go on like this the whole evening, you'll see, but it doesn't mean a thing. Oh, how lovely." And she took her glass and disappeared into the kitchen.

Mr. Forester had apologized to Desmond for there being nothing to drink, and offered him gin or whisky. Now he poured him out some sherry and stood before the fire lost in thought.

"It's the sacking," he said suddenly.

The sacking was round a pipe in the yard. Or, rather, one end was round and the other flapped loose, waiting for Desmond to tie it round and round with blue knitting-wool. Mr. Forester held the bicycle-lamp. He shouted through the larder window: "I'm just finishing the pipe! Mr. Hatch is very kindly assisting!" When Desmond got indoors, shaking his frost-bitten fingers, he sat down in an arm-chair on a toy train while Mr. Forester pulled a margarine carton of potatoes across the floor to get them, as he sensibly remarked, out of the way. The door-bell rang.

"That will be John," said Mr. Forester, abandoning his potatoes and hurrying to the door. Desmond heard the words "cigarettes" and "pub" and John's footsteps going down the path again. The telephone bell rang. As Mr. Forester was out in the front garden, apparently emptying a barrowful of scrap-iron, Desmond decided to answer it.

"Three eight four?" he said, peering at the dial. "No, I'm afraid you have the wrong—"

"Oh, thank you," said a voice in his other ear as Cecilia took the receiver. "Yes, yes. Yes, I will. I told the exchange," she explained to Desmond. "It's a trunk call I wanted to answer myself, so I asked them to put it through here. They say they can't, you know, but they always do. Hullo! Hullo! Sam, drop that scarf! Hullo!"

Desmond was feeling lonely. He opened the front door and was about to offer to put the wheel back on Mr. Forester's barrow when Mrs. Forester appeared from the kitchen, an old tweed jacket round her shoulders and in her hand a spoonful of rice.

"What do you think about this?" she asked.

Desmond chewed dutifully: "Not quite."

"I know," said Mrs. Forester, unhappily, and disappeared again.

"So sorry," said a new voice, hitting Desmond in the small of the back with the front door knob. "How do you do?"

It was no surprise to Desmond that the newcomer, advancing with his hand held out and dropping the cigarettes clutched under his elbow, carried a tottering pile of flower-pots or that Mr. Forester brushed past them holding a dead rabbit and calling "I want another three-pence!" or that Cecilia, having shouted into the telephone "Hold on and I'll run back and fetch it," seized her husband's duffle-coat from off him and rushed into the night. What was rather astonishing was that this man was wearing—of all the ridiculous things to wear—a grey suit with beautifully creased trousers.

ANDE



Adamson



"It's the receipt for my income tax."

A CURIOUS CONDUCTOR

THERE was nobody in the queue but a man with some sort of folding chair.

"Unusual," I said.

"It's a patent," he said.

"Fresh to-day?" I said.

"Years old," he said.

It struck me he was either hard of hearing or up to some mischief.

"Well, we mustn't grumble," I said.

A bus came up to ease matters, but at that moment his chair suddenly unfolded itself for some reason, and before I could get my leg out of it the conductor had gonged.

"Hi!" I said.

"Socialist!" shouted the man.

"Have a go," shouted the conductor. "We're still in bottom."

Not thinking, I set off against my better judgment.

"It's now or never," said the conductor.

I got hold of the handrail. But for being partly in

the air I might easily have come a purler. The whole thing was alive with electricity.

"My word!" I said.

"Did you get it?" said the conductor.

"Is this a trolleybus?" I said.

"Nothing to do with that," said the conductor.

"It's Static. They're getting it one after the other."

"Static?" I said.

"See those clouds up there?" said the conductor. "Full of it."

"Up there, eh?" I said.

"Makes no difference," he said. "Look at the way it gets down your wireless. Why, out in Italy it knocked me clean through the back of the Naafi."

"What, Static?" I said.

"All I did was to get hold of an aeroplane," he said. "According to the C.O. I stopped a million volts."

"We live in funny times," I said.

"And yet you could stop it all with a simple condenser," said the conductor.

"Amazing," I said.
 "Connected up right, of course," said the conductor.
 "Connected up wrong you'd lift some of these old girls clean off their feet."

"Risky," I said.
 "That's the trouble," said the conductor.
 "Can I have a fourpenny one?" I said.
 "Take that woman with the bird round her hat," said the conductor. "Did she stop a packet!"

"A packet?" I said.
 "Shook her to the core," said the conductor. "And yet that girl holding the fiddle in fur boots gets nothing. What can you make of it?"

"Difficult," I said.
 "It makes you think," said the conductor. "I can't get that fiddle out of my mind."

There was a bit of confusion owing to some boys slipping downstairs, and as I'm not much of a one for science and standing about I went on down the bus.

A kind of whistling noise went off and somebody shouted "Gangway for a naval officer!" I turned round, but it was only the conductor saluting with both hands and a lot of people sniggering. I half sat down on the woman with the bird round her hat.

"Excuse me. It's these curves," I said.
 "Are you a naval officer?" she said.
 "As a matter of fact I'm not," I said.
 "Something ought to be done about it," she said.
 "I dare say," I said, "but take our trade."
 "*Schweizerbahnhof!*" shouted the conductor. "Have your passports ready, please."

A lot of people started struggling to get out.
 "There you are," said the woman. "In charge of a bus. He's mad at the very least."

"I'd put it down to over-high spirits," I said.
 "Over-high fiddlesticks," said the woman.
 The girl with the fiddle looked round over the top of her glasses.

"I beg your pardon?" she said.
 "*Ssh,*" I said.

Fortunately the bus jolted to pass it off.
 The woman beckoned me closer. Not that it made any difference as I was fast on the seat already.

"Do you know what he's done?" she said. "He's fastened a battery to the bus."

"Now on that point I happen to know he hasn't," I said.

"I happen to know he has," said the woman.
 The conductor tapped me on the shoulder.

"Three more got it," he said. "One with an umbrella."

"Umbrella, eh?" I said.
 The woman made a clicking noise. Evidently she'd got hold of the wrong end of the stick.

"If you don't mind, that's my basket you're pushing," she said.

"I assure you," I said, but it was the conductor again.

"See those boots?" he whispered.
 "How do you mean?" I said.

"That fur's false," he said.

The girl put her fiddle down. She was looking even worse over her glasses.

"Oh, I don't know," I said.

"They're rubber," said the conductor. "Get it! She's insulated."

"What is it?" said the woman. "What's going on?"

"It's nothing," I said. "He just maintains she's insulated."

The girl with the fiddle got up, waving sheet music.

"I have never," she said—"I have never been so insulted in all my life."

"Now wait a minute, lady," said the conductor.

"Oh dear," said the woman. "Let me get out of here."

"Hold hard," I said, but they hadn't the patience for anything. They stood on the kerb.

"Disgraceful," said the girl with the fiddle.

"Disgusting," said the woman with the bird hat.

"Well," said the conductor. "If it doesn't take all sorts to make a world."

RECOLLECTIONS IN THE TAP

I SAW you, lady, in a bosky glebe,
 One tulgey, shadowy, Septembrall morn;
 All round about us pranced the unicorn,
 And up above us shrieked the Crested Grebe,
 And on the road from Monte to Antibes
 The crested Autobus loosed off its horn,
 And so we met, and so our love was born,
 And I was Hildebrand, and you were Pheeb.

And was that forest writ on any map?
 Or was it some enchanted land, mayhap,
 Where hordes of faery robbed us of our wits?
 And why am I so sad, as in the tap
 I watch the barman Edward playing nap
 And Florrie leans upon the bar and knits?

R. P. LISTER



TORTUGA TUBE

YOU were a great old pretty, my Morgan, you.
You were the father and mother, the son and daughter
Of that great gun that thudded across the blue
When the keel-irons carved in the sand of the shining water

And the surf-song broke in the sudden horror of voice
When your murdering crews came in on the breaker
run.

How something deep in a secret heart rejoices
To think of the swords' wet silver flashed in the sun

I know, I know, that the tales are half a dream,
But what of that, for the darling wilder ones!
Old moonlight flows to sea on a different stream
And stars' light falls in a sweeter air than sun's.

I saw, as I think, your tops'ls far away
In Mona Passage when times were strange awhile
And I heard, in a certain night at Spanish Cay,
Your culverins in a wind off Grievous Isle.

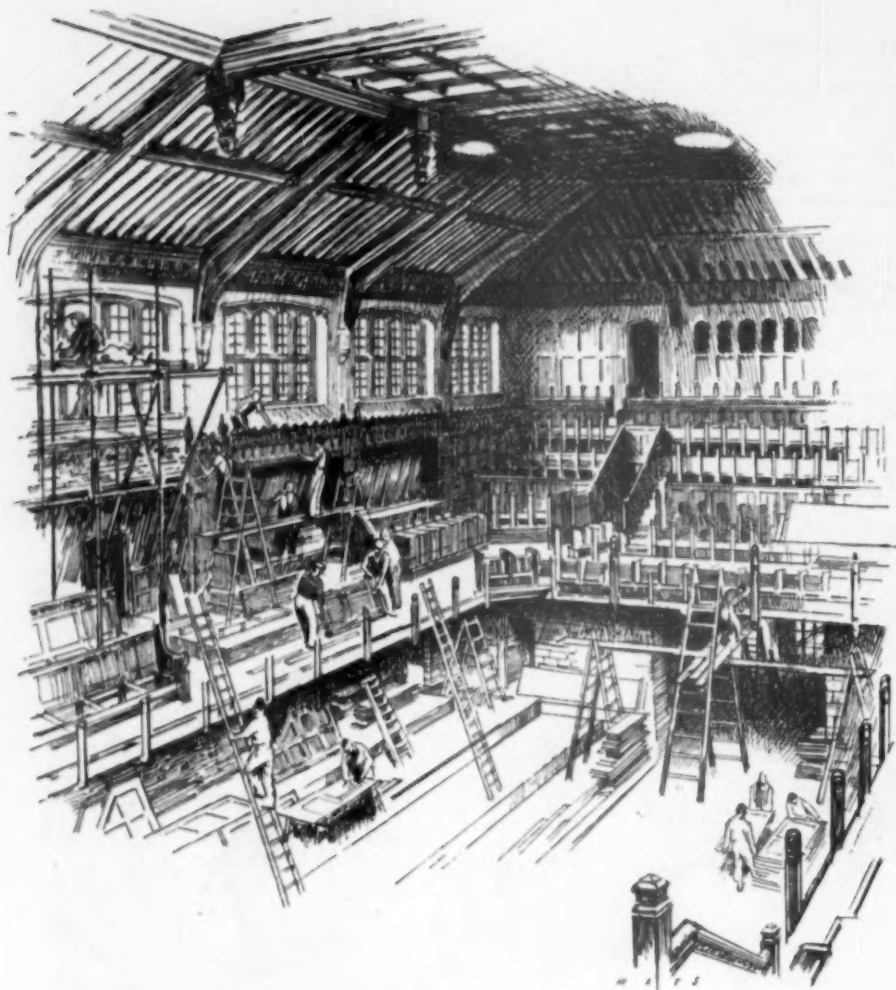
But oh, it was far away and so long ago.
If moons come green yet over the Caribbees
And surf sings solemn and sweetly silver-slow
And the south wind sings all night in the lilac trees

And those Tortugan dawns on a Spanish fan
Sweep up and snap with salt like a castanet
And blood comes dancing in to the heart of a man
Then somewhere, somewhere, Morgan's maraudin
yet.

I don't know where they hanged or buried or drowned
you
But oh, old Morgan, how I remembered you
This sorrowful London night in which I found you
Turned to a poster stuck in the Bakerloo.







THE NEW HOUSE

ON this damp afternoon it was uncommonly snug in a corner of the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery. Below us, on the Floor of the House, no one tried to catch the Speaker's eye, which was hardly odd, because neither the Speaker nor his Chair was present. The light-toned (greyish-metallic) intimate interior held only a bristle of workmen—rather more, it seemed, than an official quorum—a few spearing ladders and a web of scaffolding.

Soon it would be the Debating Chamber of the House of Commons. We stared into future history; it took little imaginative effort to flick on the lights, to set up the benches, to cover them in green hide, to cover the hide with a surge of Members, to summon Table and Mace, and to get down, with enthusiasm, to business.

For nearly three years the Chamber "and its ancillary accommodation" have been shaped to the

plans of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. With luck all should be ready this autumn, less than ten years after that Saturday night of May 10-11, 1941, when what is thought to have been an incendiary bomb fired the old Chamber. Its ruins remained as they were until clearance (plainly a "first priority") began just two days after the end of the war and precisely four years after the blaze.

The Commons, homeless in their own Palace of Westminster, had not

to search for a haven. From November 7, 1940, Parliament had sat periodically at Church House, Westminster, and it was here that the Commons assembled on May 13, 1941, when the old Chamber lay in tangled ruin. No alarms startled Church House either before the fire or during the six weeks in which the Commons sat there before moving back to the Palace, to the ornate Gothic detail and the crimson benches of the Lords.

The Speaker and his officials used to go over to Church House by car. His robes and wig were kept there for him, but the Mace was sent across, morning by morning, in a green baize bag and returned at night by Stationery Office van. Parliamentary ceremonial proceeded in Church House just as it had done over the road, although the officials, on unfamiliar ground, had to play themselves in. Thus, upon the first occasion that Black Rod came to the Commons to summon them to the House of Peers he was about to give his usual three knocks when an alert doorkeeper remembered that there was a curtained window in the door and that the knocks would strike the glass. He pulled aside the curtain—just in time.

After the Commons had been translated to the Lords they returned to Church House only during the flying-bomb raids which began during June, 1944. They were comfortable in their guest-Chamber. It needed some improvisation both in the Galleries and on the Floor of the House—for the Commons sit "the other way round" from the Lords—and there was also the task of finding sites for such places (part of the "ancillary accommodation") as the Post Office, the Whips' Offices, the Lobby Bar and the Vote Office, which had been destroyed and had to be re-established as near as possible to the Lords' Chamber. All was managed rapidly. Parliament, if deeply conscious of tradition, can cheerfully adapt itself. When the new Debating Chamber is opened some of the youngest Members, who have known nothing else, may feel homesick for old days when they were, for a while, guests of the peerage.

They will notice at once an absence of superfluous decoration. This new Chamber, in its cool oak and simplified ornament, seems to be larger than it is, yet its Floor is precisely the same size as of old. Some people talked easily of building a larger Chamber that would take every M.P., but seasoned Parliamentarians (all conservative here) were against it, and as before there will be seating on the green benches for three hundred and forty-six Members only. The new Chamber will have the same familiar intimacy; we may expect again the rapid to-and-fro, the dramatic hurtle of debate, that would have been lost in any attempt to puff out the Chamber, to give to every Member a special perch.

If the Floor is untouched, the Galleries have been improved and expanded. They have one hundred and seventy-one extra seats, and the lines of sight are better. Anyone who takes my corner of the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery will be able to rake the House in comfort. (And there will be no supporting oak pillars beneath the galleries, as in the old Chamber; managers of one or two London theatres might be told of this.)

As I sat above in the darkening afternoon, hearing the steady clink-and-rasp and smelling the peculiar, clean, new-building tang that makes masons and carpenters snuff the air with delight I knew how much a layman must miss. True, he notes the externals, the Clipsham stone and the Shropshire oak; presently he will see various gifts from the Commonwealth (the Speaker's Chair from Australia, dispatch boxes from New Zealand, the Table of the House from Canada and so forth); he must observe, too, the venerable-

looking "Churchill Arch," that entrance from the Commons Lobby through an archway built from the original stones, damaged but carefully preserved. He will see these things, and more: the roof (which should be called, I am told, "a shaped ceiling") and various minor fittings that are not yet ready, the green hide of the benches, for example, and the central green carpets. Yet there must be also a great deal more that he neither sees nor guesses.

Take the apparently simple matter of keys. Each lock on the Chamber doors has an individual key; every lock can be opened by either a floor "sub-master," in use on one floor only, or by a "grand master" which opens every lock in the building. Over these is a Secret Sessions key. When the Chamber doors have been locked by it—the same keyholes are used—nothing else will open them, not even the



"grand master" itself, unless, of course, you turn to witchcraft: "Open locks whoever knocks." No British locksmith, I gather, will subscribe to this.

Then, too, the ventilation of the House. Its new temperature will be something like that of a fine spring day out of doors. Air in future will not come through gratings in the floor ("Hot heads and cold feet" was the old cry). Instead, it will be wafted in gentle lateral breezes. Neither Government nor Opposition benches can have a monopoly. These air currents will flow first from one side of the Chamber, then from the other. "It is considered," says the Report handsomely, "that this will tend to produce conditions conducive to alertness and to avoid any portion of the anatomy being subjected to a constant air current in any one direction."

To-day, if you are smuggled in to view the House, you may see for yourself how the air is treated. As you wind up the stairs, and in and

out of secret chambers, past knots and coveys of craftsmen, you will learn much about viscous filters, dehumidification, and kindred pleasures. You will realize how hard the architects have found it to conceal the "entrails" of their building; to ensure that everyone in the House will be warm, well-aired, and able to hear plainly, and, at the same time, quite unconscious of elaborate fiddle-faddle in the background. It has been managed with astonishing craft. (The youngest politicians may be pleased to know that in a main control room an engineer will watch the emptying and filling, the ebb-and-flow of the House, through a periscope and vary his ventilation controls accordingly.)

An afternoon of clambering and thrusting round and through the phoenix-Chamber and "ancillary accommodation" must leave you with a lot of fine mixed detail. Members' rooms now occupy the lower ground floor, once only a set

of cellars. There are eighty-two air-conditioned telephone cabinets. Eleven thousand letters a day reach the House of Commons. A little dizzy, you admire the Queensland walnut floor in the Members' writing room. You stumble over tube and rope, mark the deep intricacy of certain carving, see that all about you, above and below, three hundred and fifty men are working like bees or beavers to get the Chamber ready in time.

It ought to be complete by the autumn. We shall not know the details of the opening until a new Government arrives, but no doubt members of the Commonwealth Parliaments, which have given fittings to the House, will come to applaud. On that day there will be no room in my corner of the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery. Certainly no one will be whistling an air from *Brigadoon* immediately behind my head. At present the House is rising. By then it will be in session and—at last—again at home.

J. C. TREWIN

CURRENT AFFAIRS

GIVE me *The Times*, my love—the news

Is so significant and solemn
I cannot wait while you peruse
The marriage column.

Now is the time for all to show
A thoughtful mind, a wide horizon,
Here in this isle which friend and foe
Have anxious eyes on.

Is it, they ask, a glorious dawn,
Or England's twilight, Europe's sundown?
Ah, 10 across was **WHEELK**, not **PRAWN**—
Then what was I down?

Study the headlines, scan the map . . .
Farewell to France—two blanks-1-blank-v . . .
The super bomb, the dollar gap . . .
A pencil—thank you.

Whose is the hand to guide our fate?
Where is the creed to save our birthright?
The housing drive, the welfare state . . .
Is **HEAVEN-ON-EARTH** right?

You, with the heedless hare-brained herd,
Would pawn your freedom, sign your cheques
blank . . .
Something is wrong—there's no such word,
Blank-p-blank-x-blank.

O that our hearts were fired afresh!
O that some spur would rouse the nation! . . .
O that this too, too something flesh—
That's a quotation.

If we could just get *Charley's Aunt* . . .
A National Front with Churchill leading it.
What did you say? Of course you can't;
Not while I'm reading it.



Now that elections are so fully mechanized . . .

THE DOLLS

THE other night, when I was staying with the Thudds, I found dolls in both my bedroom slippers. One of the dolls was made of china and had a forced, interminable grin and a bald patch, and the other, which I greatly preferred, had a felt face slightly undermined by moth but with enough of her features left to present a piquant, rather wistful appearance and with grey-blue eyes that stared at you with a sort of timeless tranquillity. Both wore simple cotton frocks of an effete pattern and had unconvincing feet.

On the first morning I regarded the pair with some interest. I had of course, like everyone else, lowered dolls slowly backwards to see if they would wail and shut their eyes, and I had occasionally assisted very small girls to get the arms of dolls into the sleeves of cardigans, but I had never, so far as I could remember, been utterly alone with dolls, and I was intrigued to note that in these circumstances their impact was quite different and in some ways rather unsettling.

It was so awfully easy to imagine that they were alive. The stuff doll, Zoë as she came to be called, had

almost exactly the same expression and every bit as much animation as the leader of the village orchestral society, and if one held her from behind one could make her arms wave and her feet stamp in a frighteningly realistic manner. I provided each with a provisional character and then argued with them or took sides (usually with felt against china) until it was time to get up.

If you think it was silly of me to play with dolls like this at my time of life, let me tell you that I have thought the whole thing out in the way I always do think the whole thing out when anyone accuses me of being silly, and I have proved to my complete satisfaction that playing with dolls is no different from playing with dogs and is only silly if you play in a silly way, though goodness knows the way many otherwise intelligent people play with dogs often reaches the utter limit of idiocy. Playing with dolls is merely another manifestation of the impulse that causes people to read and write books, see and act in plays and generally make out that characters exist and incidents occur which, in point of fact, don't.

Do not run away with the idea

that I had any neurotic intention of withdrawing gradually from the company of human beings and taking more and more to the society of dolls. I simply welcomed a harmless outlet for the imagination, of the sort that is so desirable when one is staying with people as dull as the Thudds. I confined myself to a quarter of an hour's play every morning and evening. There was no nonsense about putting them out in the garden in their pram or taking them with me to tea parties. When not in use the dolls were put away in a drawer and forgotten about.

I had soon ceased to bother my head about how the dolls had got into my room in the first place, but on the fifth morning (I had decided, for some reason, to prolong my stay) I learnt the full story from a source which it had never occurred to me to tap. It seemed that the dolls had been taken out of the attic and put in my slippers, in a fruitless attempt to fascinate the temporary housemaid, by a young man who came to look over the electrical fittings while I was in the village. My informant was Fiona, the china doll, who had far more to her than Zoë when you really got to know her.

DANIEL PETTIWARD



... no doubt the mechanized backler is not far off.

THE PARAGON

MY mother wrote to say that Aunt Dora and my cousin Elizabeth were spending a week or two at home. Elizabeth had grown into such a nice girl. It just showed you, didn't it? My mother liked her very much indeed, and was sure I would too. She was just the sort of friend my mother would like me to have. She was so sensible. My mother couldn't get over how helpful she was, and how unselfish. She absolutely insisted on helping with the housework, and the other day when the charwoman was away with her feet Elizabeth made all the beds and dusted, and would even have prepared lunch if my mother hadn't made her sit down. And she was thoughtful over little things. She didn't rush around the house leaving all the doors open, and my mother simply couldn't imagine her throwing talcum powder all over the bathroom floor. The garden was looking very bare just now.

I wrote and said how very sorry I was not to be able to meet Elizabeth after all these years, but I couldn't possibly get away. I sent her my love.

My mother wrote again. She had said to Elizabeth, have you got

a good post in London? And Elizabeth had said, yes, I have. I am doing work which really does me credit so that my mother can be proud of me and not have to change the subject to other mothers. And I made sure before I went that I would have a pension and that there was a place nearby where I could get a good hot lunch. Elizabeth said she thought there were some girls who only had a sandwich and a cup of coffee for lunch, and these girls were very silly and didn't know how they would regret it later on. Then my mother had said, wasn't it cold a week or two ago? And Elizabeth said, yes, it was. I wear a lot of woollens in the cold weather because I do believe in wrapping up well. I do believe it is important to keep warm while I am young, because it would be so sad when I am older if I had to pay for not being sensible earlier. And now that the weather is a little warmer I haven't been silly and flung off all my clothes. I have kept my head and realized that I mustn't keep chopping and changing, because it will probably become cold again later on and my system must be ready for it. Wasn't Elizabeth an intelligent girl? She

went to bed early too. My mother said to her, you do go to bed early, don't you? And Elizabeth said, yes, I do. I do believe in getting plenty of sleep, because nothing would undermine my resistance so much as continual late nights. Of course, once in a while is all right, but I do believe there is reason in everything. It would be so bad for me if I didn't keep my strength up after using my brain all day, and when I am middle-aged I would pay for it and wish I had listened to my mother. My mother knows much more about these things than I do. She knows me better than I know myself and I must be guided by her.

I wrote and said I had decided I simply must meet Elizabeth. I would come home the following week-end.

My mother wrote and said that perhaps it would be as well if I waited until Elizabeth came back to London and went to see her then, because there would be such a crowd of us and the charwoman was still away with her feet. She would send me Elizabeth's London address.

But she hasn't.

A BLANKSHIRE LAD

(February 23 1950)

"We have a progressive policy for agriculture."—Any Election Address

NOW the golden rim of day
Lifts beyond the hills away;
Leave the plough, the field, the can,
Up, my lad, and choose your man.

Empty promise, faithless vow,
Be no more deceivers now,
Pledge you would, but dare not,
trust,
Light as air, and less than dust!

Make your mark, and turn you back
Home to farm, and fold, and stack,
Where the lonely furrow lies
Straight beneath the winter skies.

Other lads, the sons you bear,
Will greet the oft-returning year,
And flowering, sweet or bitter, find
The seed you sowed upon the wind.

G. H. VALLINS



"And I say the last time matches were a ha'penny was under a LIBERAL Government."

AT THE PLAY

Larger than Life (DUKE OF YORK'S)—*Wild Violets* (STOLL)

THE stage is a difficult place for a demonstration of its own artificiality. Where Mr. SOMERSET MAUGHAM was able, in his novel, "Theatre," to present a convincing picture of an ageing star wrecking her home for the sake of her career Mr. GUY BOLTON has only captured part of the conviction in his adaptation, *Larger than Life*. The people of the story are shallow and silly. Mr. MAUGHAM at least made them tolerably amusing, but, though closely following the original, Mr. BOLTON lets them be seen in a much harsher light, in which their Hollywood tantrums appear more than a little tedious. That a famous stage couple to preserve their popularity should live together after a bushed-up divorce, and that the ex-wife should take an unlikely lover to prove herself still attractive, flinging her ex-husband into the arms of her best friend, is of small interest away from the persuasions of Mr. MAUGHAM's prose. Only wit could have disguised the futility of such characters, and in this version there is hardly enough to go round.

Once the decks are cleared of

pretence, however, the play brightens considerably. *Julia* is left to face a new production by herself, and the scenes in which we watch the battle from her dressing-room are more tense. From being a rather empty burlesque of someone in a gossip column she becomes a living woman, teaching her young rival a sharp lesson in discretion and tricking her errant mate (who deserved it and more for the yachting cap he was wearing) into a return to full partnership. But the final accomplishment of their reunion is almost the happy ending to end all happy endings. Personally I wouldn't have minded if both of them had been deported in a luggage-van to Siberia, but I dare say less hardened hearts may quicken to their rekindled romance.

I thought Miss JESSIE ROYCE LANDES, the American actress, far and away the best as *Julia*. She has the warmth and gusto the part needs, and plays it with a drive which won round upon round of applause. It seemed to me that Mr. REGINALD DENNY's metallic callousness as the ex-husband threw the absurdity of the early scenes into unnecessary relief. There is a nice portrait of a decorous old flame by Mr. STUART LINDSELL, and Mr. BRIAN NISSEN and Mr. HECTOR ROSS fill in neatly enough *Julia's* antitheatrical son and her improbable lover. The old stage butler, who has found butling in earnest a far steadier proposition, is taken amusingly by Mr. LAURENCE NAISMITH.

Wild Violets, in bloom yet again, is such a very simple-minded affair as



Alpine Flower

Hans Katoen—MR. JERRY VERO

almost to blunt criticism. Its finishing school for girls, perfectly situated a few yards from a finishing school for boys, is in the most innocent tradition of musical comedy, while the background of Switzerland (1902) yields a richly coniferous scene in which skating and summer frocks go happily hand in hand. Mildly amorous exchanges abound between the two academics, and the French mademoiselle, always a problem, is kept busy by a ribald English father, who arrives in an early homeless carriage which would barely have got to Brighton, and, of course, brings his tail-coat. A number of young people romp bravely, but the tameness of the evening is alleviated chiefly by Miss PHYLLIS BOURKE as the headmistress, Mr. AUBREY DEXTER as the father, and Miss STELLA MORAY and Mr. JERRY VERO as pantomime turns below stairs. The voices are no great shakes. ERIC KEOWN

Recommended

HAMLET—New—Sound work by Old Vic, with Michael Redgrave.
RING ROUND THE MOON—Globe—Fascinating production of Christopher Fry's translation of Anouilh.
BLACK CHIFFON—Westminster—Flora Robson superb in good family drama.



Behind the Scenes

Julia Lambert—Miss JESSIE ROYCE LANDES
Michael Gosselyn—Mr. REGINALD DENNY

[Larger than Life]



"Pshaw—chocolate box!"

THE LETTER OF THE LAW

From the Secretary of the Viking Cricket Club, Johannesburg, to the Secretary of the Bedouin Cricket Club, Pretoria

DEAR SIR,—I hope that our very pleasant rivalry on the cricket field will be continued next season. We suggest 2.00 P.M., October 27, on our ground. I trust that you and all the other Bedouins are keeping fit and well.

Yours sincerely,
J. HELDENFOLD

From the Secretary of the Bedouin Cricket Club, Pretoria, to the Secretary of the Viking Cricket Club, Johannesburg

DEAR SIR,—I thank you for your letter asking for a cricket fixture on October 27. We of the Bedouins will be delighted to play the Vikings again next season. We wondered, however, if you would be so good as to remove the Rugby posts from the ground before the match takes place. Best wishes from Pretoria to all Vikings.

Yours sincerely,
B. WAGSTOCK

Vikings to Bedouins

DEAR SIR,—Thank you for your letter. I am sorry to hear that you take exception to the Rugby posts on our ground. Unfortunately the ground is used by the owners, the Ajax Sporting Club, only for Rugby, and is loaned to us free of charge on the understanding that the posts are not removed. Standing as they do so near the boundary, they seldom, if ever, interfere with the game. I trust, therefore, that you will not allow their presence to prevent the game from taking place.

Yours sincerely,
J. HELDENFOLD

Bedouins to Vikings

DEAR SIR,—We are sorry to inconvenience you in this way, but we feel that we must continue to press for the removal of the Rugby posts from your ground. During the last match, which it will be remembered went down as a win to you by one run, the ball was thrown in by one of our fielders after the batsmen had only run one: it struck one of the Rugby posts and rebounded to the boundary, upon which your umpire

signalled four runs. But for this unfortunate incident we would have won by three runs.

We sincerely hope that you will appreciate our point of view and that the match will take place.

Yours sincerely,
B. WAGSTOCK

Vikings to Bedouins

DEAR SIR,—Apparently you do not appreciate our difficulties with regard to the Rugby posts. As I intimated in my last letter, we cannot remove them without applying to the Ajax Sporting Club, and even if we were prepared to do this it is certain that they would not agree.

Your reference to the last match was perhaps unfortunate. It suggests that the umpire's decision was unfair, which was certainly not the case, as the posts were part of the field of play, and as such, according to the rules, do not exist. It is therefore clear that your fielder threw the ball over the boundary. I hope that you will let us have your decision concerning the fixture at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,
J. HELDENFOLD

P.S.—If you work it out you will find that you would have won by two runs, not three, if the rules had not been observed.

Bedouins to Vikings

DEAR SIR,—I regret that you do not seem prepared to accommodate us in this little matter. Your remarks on the match, in which your Rugby posts played such a decisive part, were for the most part quite unnecessary. If, however, you prefer to make a technical rather than a sporting approach to the incident, I would remind you that all obstacles on the field of play must be agreed upon by the two umpires before play starts. Our umpire was not consulted, and therefore the obstacle must be regarded as an obstacle left on the field by the home players. This being the case, the hit from one of our batsmen, which was stopped by

still another Rugby post, must be regarded in the same way as if it were stopped by a fielder's cap, and five runs must be added to our score. This would have given us a win by three or five runs—whichever you prefer. I assume, therefore, that as you are so keen on adhering to the rules the match will go down in the record book as a win for the Bedouins.

Yours faithfully,
B. WAGSTOCK

Vikings to Bedouins

DEAR SIR,—Your attitude is *scarcely* one that would persuade us to remove a deck-chair, let alone four deeply embedded Rugby posts. Your own conception of a sporting approach to the game is shown by your reference to "our" umpire. As it happens, the two umpires are neutral officials. You seem to suggest that "your" umpire could not see the Rugby posts, and should have been taken on a tour of inspection and their presence explained to him. If he had seen them the inference seems to be that he would have refused to allow play. It is obvious that you only object to Rugby posts after the game has gone against you.

J. HELDENFOLD

Bedouins to Vikings

SIR,—I would like to remind you that originally we objected to the posts being there for the *next* game, and that it was only after your unobliging attitude that reference was made to the last game by way of explanation. You appear to favour a strict interpretation of the rules only when it suits you. I wonder what would have happened if we had insisted on having the pitch rolled before we went in after you, as we were entitled to do according to the rules. It would have been interesting to see you getting a roller to the scene in less than an hour.

B. WAGSTOCK

Vikings to Bedouins

DEAREST SIR,—The point is that you didn't ask for a roller, so I don't see what that has got to do with





anything. You have not got a ground of your own, but you go around criticizing other people's. Unfortunately one doesn't always know that one is going to lose, otherwise one could put an end to the game by calling for a roller or by getting malaria. You may take it that last year's unpleasant fixture will not be repeated. Any further correspondence from you will be returned unopened.

J. HELDENFOLD

P.S.—Incidentally, we did not regard the four lb.w. decisions from your umpire as a coincidence.

COY DEDICATIONS

A NEAR relation to the arch birth announcement is the coy dedication of books.

"To my Mother, who still wishes I were a boy with buttons to sew."

"To Jan and Pinkie in memory of the Old Mill and the cowslip field."

"To M.W."

The gorse is gold on Porlock Hill.

This is appallingly indecent. If Mr. Thing wishes to be nauseatingly sentimental about his mother he may be so in pen-and-ink, without inviting us to share in his shame. Better still, he may employ the impermanent method of word-of-mouth. If Miss Thing wishes to hold out a friendly hand to Jan and Pinkie, why must she expose before her readers a secret scene which only Jan and Pinkie can visualize? It is unreasonable and discourteous.

M.W. is evidently the recipient of a private message, a whispering in public; and that is the height of bad manners.

The root reason for all this violent exhibitionism is precisely the same as that which prompts the happy parent to advertise "a sister for Peter" and to name her house "Stepaside," "Restabit" or "Quiet Paths." Mother and housewife wish to make it plain that, in spite of household cares, they have their sense of the artistic and the whimsical. The author likes to show he has a smiling way with him, despite the vigorous prose style of his work. It is the rarest opportunity for being arch under the cover of an old-established tradition.

In the eighteenth century a dedication was formal, flattering, and sycophantic—but it was at least open. The author did not conceal his meaning or hint at secret familiarities with the object of his praise. His dedication was not conceived in cipher. It was written to be read by all. From the moral evil of the present degenerate habit the reader is protected only by the fact that he seldom bothers to read the dedication at all.

"The play will be given in two parts. Sixteen years pass between parts one and two. Coffee will be served during the interval."—*Norwich theatre programme*

But bring your own sandwiches.

BOOKING OFFICE

The Receiving End

THE modern taste for tracing patterns in the past makes some historians forget that history happens to people. Victim and beneficiary, the individual deserves the centre of the historical stage. Any picture of the past which treats the farmer or the statesman as merely an example of a general trend must be based on a choice of evidence so narrowly selective that it is bound to be false. Imagination, stupidity, altruism and "the queerness of folks" are just as much historical facts as price levels or land tenures.

The Knyvett Letters (1620-1644), edited with limitless learning by Dr. Bertram Schofield, certainly contain economic details which, correlated with economic details found elsewhere, will add something to economic history. Statistics are always welcome to the researcher, and he is welcome to them. However, the real value of these letters from a country gentleman to his wife is that they plunge the reader into the confusion of real life, that they show History at the receiving end. The publishers have arranged with the Norfolk Record Society to make them available to the general public, which is unlikely to be as grateful as it might be. The retention of the original spelling and contractions makes the volume a misery to read. It would be well worth while to produce a cheap, modernized edition with the minimum of annotation.

The blurb's comparison of Knyvett with Pepys is absurd, but his letters do give an attractive and interesting picture of a pleasant, cranky man bemused by great events. They are full of good small beer and have plenty of character. Knyvett was a sporting landlord, much troubled with litigation. He loved his wife, his estates and his jaunts to London, and the impending split in the Society he knew worried him because he could not understand or ignore it. He found himself forced to take sides, and although he did very little for the Royal cause he was imprisoned and nearly lost his lands. A more intelligent man might have helped posterity to see the pattern of the times better, but most men are not intelligent, at least as intelligence is rated among historians, and being puzzled and helpless and worried, Knyvett takes us close to the average man. He is representative of the unpolitical in a political age. When he reports the great world to his wife he is painstaking but dull; when he is telling her he loves her or giving orders to be passed on to his gamekeeper his writing comes alive.

In *The Hours and the Ages* Mr. Edward Nicholas tells the story of the United States, from the War of Independence to the Civil War, through the biographies of leading Americans linked by a commentary. The biographies are lively but the commentary is repetitive and too obviously tries to arise out of the lives. The method does not succeed in giving the pattern of American history in the period because too much has to be omitted for lack of a life to hang it on, and there is no room for the detail which would bring home the gritty particularity of individual existence.

Nevertheless, there is plenty of interesting information for the English reader, to whom some of Mr. Nicholas's worthies are almost certain to be new. Most of them played a bigger part in America than Knyvett did in England. The inclusion of one amiable goof in the gallery would make it more representative.

Omitting the leading historical characters, Mr. Nicholas chooses those who were influential but secondary. Instead of Washington we have Andrew Jackson, instead of Emerson, Margaret Fuller. By spacing them out he covers the whole of the country, as far as it had been settled by the 1800's. They are shown deeply rooted in their locality and only gradually, if ever, becoming national in outlook or prestige. In their own regions they were people of importance, sometimes maintaining the social and intellectual framework which had done service in the past and sometimes aligning themselves with new modes of thought which were to serve in the future. Mr. Nicholas's frequently stated theme is that progress requires an alert élite leading an ardent but un-instructed mass. A less explicit theme seems to be that everything in American history happened just about at the right time. His assertion of the importance of the individual is more convincing than his assumption that the individual is mystically interpenetrated by the spirit of national progress.

R. G. G. PRICE

Theme with Nine Variations

Pressed to name a dozen *Greek City-States*—there were hundreds of them—most of us would produce Athens, Sparta and Corinth, Cyrene for its Biblical associations, Sybaris because it gave us an adjective, and perhaps Miletus. Omitting Athens and Sparta, Dr. Kathleen Freeman relates the fortunes of nine cities with a deft and happy erudition that gives



"How do you spell 'Birmingham'?"

them the allure of personal experiments in living. They were, of course, personalities, these statelets: exquisite Acragas, vulgar Corinth, rugged Seriphos, doltish Abdera, aristocratic Massilia and the rest; and if their destinies usually followed a common pattern it was a pattern with surprising variations. Most of them rose from trading-posts to centres of unparalleled civilization, only to be absorbed by Rome and erased by the Goths. Regionalism gave them their cultural strength. Voluntary association might have saved them. The passion for immediate self-interest, said Heraclitus, must be "quenched as if it were a conflagration." And we, too, Dr. Freeman adds, must perceive this or perish.

H. F. E.

On Probation

Mr. Sewell Stokes describes, under the title *Court Circular*, his experiences during four years of work as a probation officer at one of London's best-known police courts. He chooses for the most part to dwell upon the lighter aspects of his subject; and though he is careful to add a note of apology for what some people might regard as a flippant approach to a serious subject he observes with justice that his duties very often brought him into situations "when not to have laughed would have meant crying." Tragedy and comedy jostle each other closely in these records of an aspect of life little known to the ordinary citizen; and, tragic and comic alike, they at least afford indisputable proof that even the standardized London of this day and age can show fine fruity individual types—Mrs. Fossett, with her plimsolls and her man's cap, is a case in point—that would have rejoiced the soul of Dickens.

C. F. S.



"Why do they think it's going to be a draw, Fred?"

Old Wiltshire

The small English country house in which have lived many generations of the same family is sometimes a mine of social history richer than larger mansions that have gathered national fame. Such a house is Basset Down, near Swindon. In the seventeenth century it came into the hands of the Maskelynes, whose main stream has since been joined by other tributary families; in it is cherished a fine collection of their treasures as well as a long tradition of service to country and county. Drawing on a wealth of documents and on her own love and deep knowledge of the place and its people, Mrs. Mary Arnold-Forster, the present owner, has made a book which is a model of its kind. She writes gracefully, with abundant humour, of her ancestors and of the changing life of the house, and her chapter on the country characters who have served it in her lifetime is a delightfully understanding study of types that only the countryside produces. *Basset Down* has a foreword by Mr. Charles Morgan.

E. O. D. K.

"There's So Much Good in the Worst of Us"

The mixtures of good and bad which are made up into men and women in real life—not often in fiction—are efficiently analysed by Miss Noel Streatfeild in her new novel, *Mothering Sunday*. It is the story of an old lady and her family: pompous elder son, managing eldest daughter, society butterfly, simple sincere woman doctor and charming wastrel younger son wanted by the police. The lives of all these people, of a uniquely aggravating companion, and a little man who adored garden gnomes, are all plaited together by Miss Streatfeild in a convincing and absorbing story, slight in action and powerful in human interest. Anna Caldwell, the mother, to whose house her children come, all, save the wastrel, intent on finding out why she keeps them at arm's length, is a dear, and her story perhaps the best thing its author has done yet—which is no small recommendation, as readers will know.

B. E. S.

Books Reviewed Above

The Knyvett Letters (1620-1644). Edited by Bertram Schotfield. (Constable, 21/-).

The Hours and the Ages. Edward Nicholas. (Gollancz, 15/-).

Greek City-States. Kathleen Freeman. (Macedonaki, 15/-).

Court Circular. Sewell Stokes. (Michael Joseph, 10/6).

Basset Down. Mary Arnold-Forster. (Country Life, 30/-).

Mothering Sunday. Noel Streatfeild. (Collins, 8/6).

Other Recommended Books

Allergy. Harry Swartz, M.D. (Gollancz, 9/6) At first rather toughly technical, later fascinating study of a condition from which, in some form, great numbers of people suffer, many without knowing it. Historical, explanatory, helpful.

Strange Inheritance. Georges Simenon. (Routledge, 9/6) Not the usual two long-shorts, but a full-length novel: conflict between big men in La Rochelle and a youth who inherits a business and a house there. Packed, absorbing narrative; a characteristic Simenon.

Venus Observed. Christopher Fry. (Oxford University Press, 6/-) The play that most who have seen it, and many who haven't seen it, will want to read; very handsomely printed.

INFLUENCE

THE art of pulling strings must, I think, depend less on the thickness of the string than the technique of the puller—though, to be truthful, it is seldom that I know of a string to pull; all my friends can get themselves new cars, unlimited timber or front seats for long-booked-up circuses at the lift of a receiver, but not I.

Nevertheless, it did happen that I found myself very powerfully situated early the other evening when I descended, hungry and unloved after a harrowing day, into a suburban eating-place bright with gilt and upflung lighting. I did not choose this establishment—one of many with the same electrified name writhing above the entrance—because I had a letter from the Chief General Manager in my pocket; indeed, I had forgotten the letter, or tried my best to: it congratulated me with sickening fulsomeness on an article about restaurant cutlery written by someone else, and ran on idiotically into insufferable details of teaspoon wastage. No, I went there because a Miss Witherby had allowed me to take her there the week before for a fish supper of the superior kind, and the atmosphere had struck me as welcoming. I like to feel welcome in a restaurant. Places where the staff give me an icy glare and disappear for twenty-five minutes behind rust-coloured curtains are never troubled with my custom again, and the fact that they are unlikely to mind this, or even notice it, doesn't make things any better.

The place was empty, but even the agony of having to make a decision among so many vacant chairs worried me less than usual: the welcome yet to be received was already having its soothing effect upon my nerves. I chose a small table near the service doors: it seemed wanton to make people traverse the whole restaurant to attend to me.

I sat there, smiling at first, then, after five minutes, arranging the condiments in interesting if limited designs. After a quarter of an hour one of the service doors swung



"Skjs, please."

viciously and a dark girl with fine eyes and an inch of petticoat showing came out and stared at me.

"Good evening," I said, rediscovering my smile. "I'm afraid I'm rather early."

She went and rattled in a corner, then came and put something sharply on my table.

I thanked her. Then I saw that it was a small varnished announcement, propped up by a leg at the back. It said simply "No Service." I looked up, but the swing door had swung. I was alone again. Ten minutes later when the girl came back I had moved to the next table. It seemed logical and time-saving.

She gave me a burning look. "All this corner," she said, and made a sweeping gesture with a handful of forks. I failed to understand. She

came with measured steps and picked up the varnished announcement, holding it at the end of my nose as if I were a backward and irritating child. Then she put it down on my new table and began to rope me off with pillars and a plush clothes-line.

"Then," I said, gathering up my hat and coat with commendably good grace, "I think I'll sit over there." I indicated a distant corner and moved towards it. "I take it there is Service there?" She nodded. I said "May I have some? I've been here since—"

"Ee-nid!" shouted the fine-eyed girl, hurling the forks on to a metal tray. Then she went off through a door marked "Staff." I never saw her again.

Enid was refined; that was clear

at our first meeting, which took place some time later. Enid would never say "enough" when "sufficient" would do; all her rat-catchers would be rodent disposal officers. Her mouth was so prim that I resolved to make her say "prunes" before the evening was out, for the delight of seeing the word emerge from a hole like the eye of a darning needle. As it happened, things never reached that stage.

On her first visit she merely brought the menu and vanished. At any rate, I told myself during the next seven minutes, it was something to read, and the typewriting was entertaining. I particularly liked "Baled Jzm Roll." While I read it a cheerful-looking man who had occupied a nearby table for twenty minutes slowly saddened and at last went out. His place was taken by a gaunt lady in black, who had come from the room marked "Staff." She was at once brought some soup by a broad waitress with steel-rimmed glasses, and had hardly dropped her spoon when a plate mounded with steaming potatoes appeared before her. She ate absently but with vigour, reading a magazine.

"Roast lamb," I said to Enid when she came back at last.

She leant over me with a pencil and crossed roast lamb off the card, then stood away priming her lips.

"Steak pie," I said.

"Steak pay," she echoed—corrected, perhaps—and, striking my

table a perfunctory blow with the cloth she carried, minced out through the swing doors.

She came back quite quickly, for her. The gaunt lady in black had only had time to begin on a plate of plums and custard.

"Noo steak pay," said Enid, leaning over again with her pencil.

"Isn't it rather early," I said, stung a little, "for everything to be off?"

"Everything hisn't," said Enid, coldly, and waited, tapping a foot.

But nearly everything was, as it proved. Whittling the menu down to fish, I found that the fish I wanted I couldn't have chips with and the fish I could have chips with I didn't want. It was while I was trying to impale a couple of impenetrable "beaked beans" on my fork that I remembered, with sudden inspiration, the Chief General Manager's letter. Power surged through me like fire. I scanned the last paragraph hungrily (as well I might), noting the writer's desire that if he might at any time be of service to me, etc., etc. When Enid came to take away the beans I said

to her, slowly and distinctly, "Perhaps you would be kind enough to mention to the manageress that I am a personal friend of Mr. H. Wrangwill Cashdoc." (A thoughtful secretary had typed the mogul's name under his signature.)

I must have worn a compelling look in my moment of triumph. I watched with interest as she whispered to the gaunt lady. Neither of them gave me a glance, but Enid went rapidly to the service doors and as rapidly appeared again carrying a magnificent Gorgonzola. I sat back.

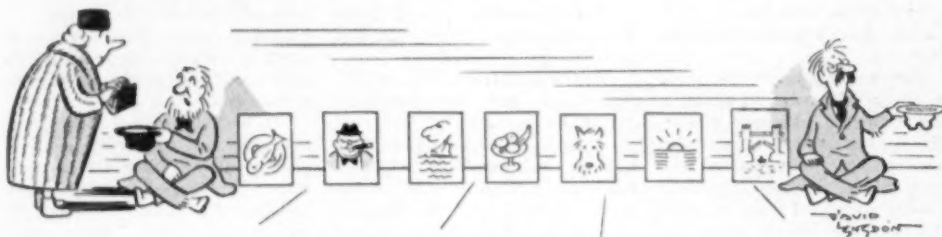
Then I sat up. The girl took the cheese to the gaunt lady, and then came and gave me a bill for five shillings.

"Miss Pooley," she said, with something like a smirk, "doesn't believe she has the pleasure of your friend's acquaintance."

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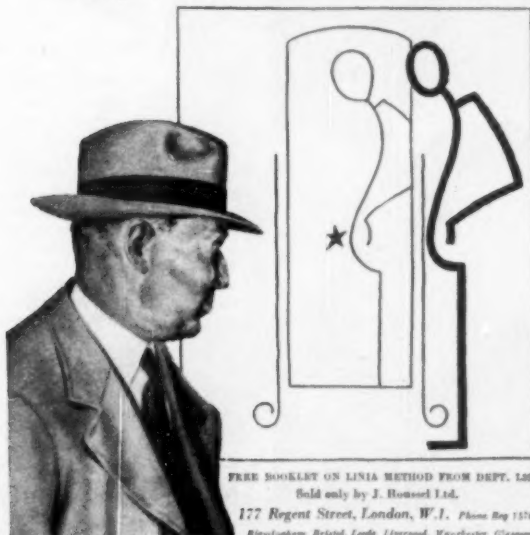
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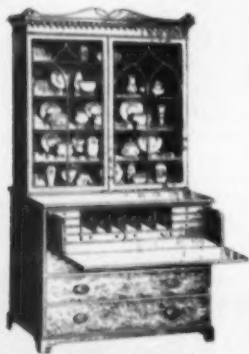
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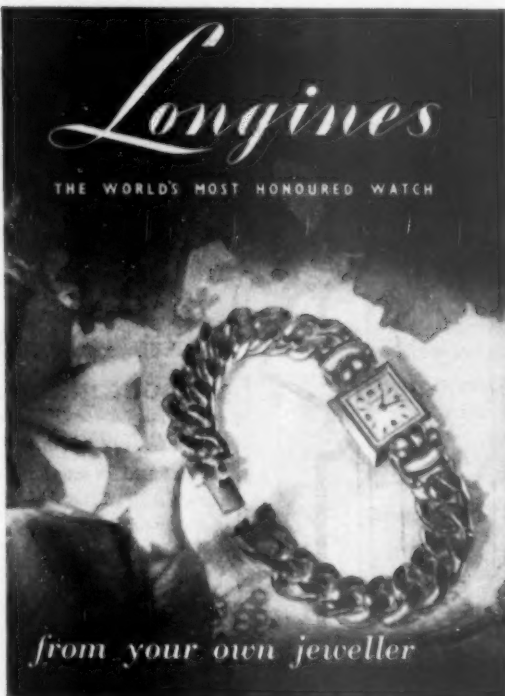


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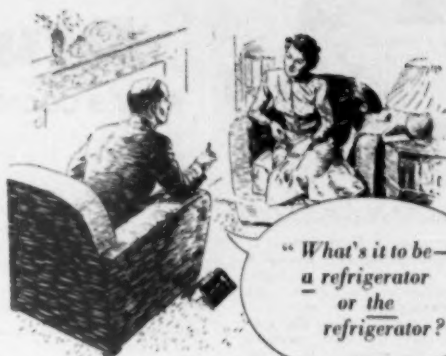
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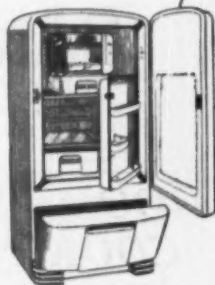
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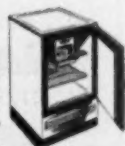
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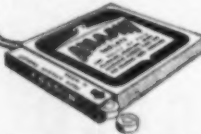
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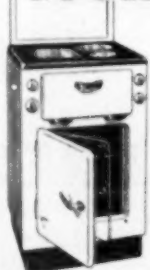


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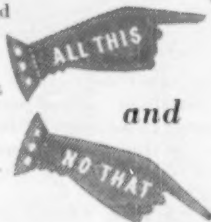
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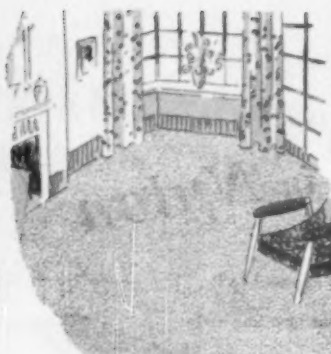
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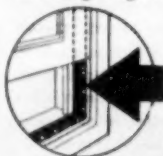
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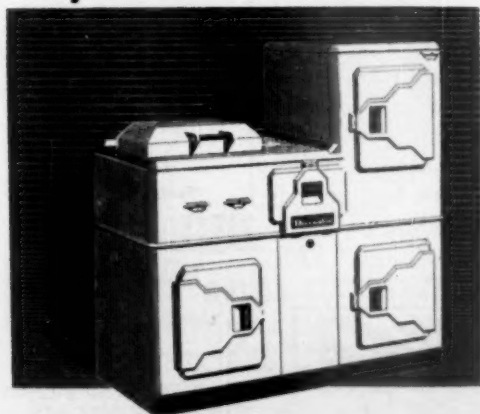
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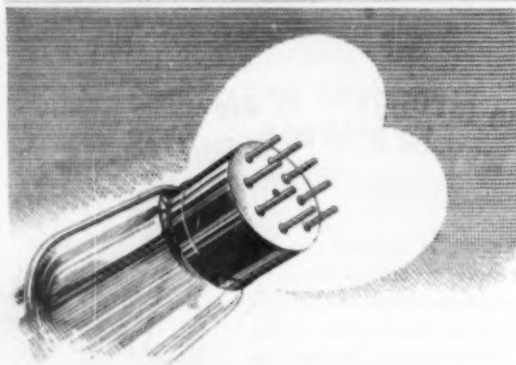
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